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Place	Date	Time	Width of path, yards ¹	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks	Authority
Williston, N. Dak.	1					Thunderstorm and wind.	Considerable structural damage done.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Ablene, Kans.	1	4 p. m.	3,520.		\$40,000	Hail.	Much destruction of gardens, greenhouses, window panes, and auto tops; some stones 5.5 inches in diameter.	Do.
Ellinwood, Kans.	1	4 p. m.	6-10 mi.		20,000	do.	Fruit, gardens, corn, wheat stacks, and trees damaged.	Do.
St. Paul, Minn.	2	8 a. m.				Wind.	Power lines, trees, signs, and roofs damaged; 1 person injured.	Dispatch (St. Paul, Minn.).
Hardin and La Rue Counties, Ky.	2	10 a. m.-2 p. m.		1	25,000	Hail, wind, and rain.	Corn and tobacco badly damaged; some destruction by flooding.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Northeastern Wisconsin	3				110,000	Wind and rain.	Small grains lodged, corn damaged, numerous washouts, traffic delayed; cherry growers heaviest losers.	Do.
Cherry and Brown Counties, Nebr.	3	10 p. m.	1,760.			Hail.	Hay damaged, roofs punctured; prairie chickens and wild ducks killed.	Do.
Southern Wisconsin	3-4					Rain, wind, and electrical.	Severe crop damage; traffic delayed; many fires caused by lightning, communication lines crippled, and much damage by flooding.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau; Green Bay (Wis.) Press Gazette.
Southern part of Hardin, and northern part of Marion Counties, Ohio.	4				20,000	Wind and electrical.	Buildings damaged, orchards and crops injured.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Southeast Henry County to Putnam County, Ill.	4		0.5-5 mi.			Wind, rain, and hail.	Trees and wires blown down, crops injured, and several fires from lightning; much damage by floods.	Do.
Norton, Cheyenne, and Thurman Counties, Kans.	4					Wind.	A considerable number of barns, outbuildings, and windmills blown down; destruction over extensive area.	Do.
Mitchell, Iowa	4	7 p. m.	3,520.		5,000	Hail.	Some crop damage.	Do.
Charles City, Iowa, and vicinity.	4	1-6:30 a. m.				Thunderstorm.	Store and several barns damaged by lightning.	Do.
Ludington, Mich.	5	4-6:25 p. m.				do.	Several buildings struck by lightning; communication lines crippled.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau; Ludington Daily News.
Davenport, Iowa, and Moline and Rock Island, Ill.	5	6 p. m.				do.	Streets undermined; street cars disabled; communication lines and crops considerably damaged.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Dodge City, Kans. (3.5 mi. so. of).	5	4 p. m.		1		do.	5 horses killed; no other damage reported.	Do.
Knowles, Wyo.	6	3 p. m.	5 mi.			Heavy hail.	Corn and gardens damaged.	Do.
Peez (near), Colo.	6	4-8 a. m.	1-3 mi.		25,000	Hail.	Poultry killed; minor property damage.	Do.
Custer, Valley, Hall, and Nance Counties, Nebr.	7	9:30 p. m.	220-3,520	1		Small tornado.	Gardens and crops destroyed, chickens killed.	Do.
Eastern Sheridan and western Cherry Counties, Nebr.	7	5 p. m.	1,760.			Heavy hail and wind.	Haystacks, buildings, windmills, and fences wrecked or damaged.	Do.
Hampshire (near), Wyo.	7	5 p. m.	1,760.			Heavy hail.	Nearly all crops destroyed; many chickens killed.	Do.
Merrillan, Wis.	7	6 p. m.	1,760.		2,000	Heavy hail.	Damage principally to roofs.	Do.
Sand Creek, Wis.	7	7 p. m.	330.			do.	Severe; crops total loss.	Do.
Trempealeau and Jackson Counties, Wis.	7	6:30-7 p. m.	333-1,760	4	200,000	Tornado.	Path 27 miles long; houses and farm buildings destroyed; crops heavily damaged.	Do.
Chippewa County, Wis.	7	7 p. m.	330.	3		Tornado and hail.	Path 8 or 10 miles long; hail much more extensive; about 100 persons injured; farm houses and buildings destroyed; great damage to crops.	Do.
Hartford County, Conn.	7			1	250,000	Wind, rain, hail, and electrical.	Hundreds of acres of tobacco destroyed, barns burned, wire systems crippled, and other property damage.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau; Hartford Courant (Conn.).
Northern Illinois and eastern Iowa.	7-8			2		Wind, rain, and hail.	Extensive property and crop loss.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Dundy County, Nebr.	8	8:30 p. m.	4 mi.			Hail.	Damage severe in spots.	Do.
Western Cherry and eastern Sheridan Counties, Nebr.	8					Small tornado.	Some damage to buildings and fences.	Do.
Otrum, Wis.	8	5 p. m.	1,760.			Heavy hail.	50 per cent crop loss.	Do.
Between Osseo and Alma Center, Wis.	8	4 p. m.	1-2 mi.		10,000	do.	Character of damage not reported; very large stones.	Do.
Troy (near), Kans.	8	5 p. m.				Hail.	Apple and grape crops injured.	Do.
Miltonvale (near), Kans.	8	P. m.				Violent wind.	Small buildings wrecked; chickens and horses killed.	Do.
Toledo, Ohio.	8					Wind.	Trees, wires, and a few buildings damaged.	Do.
Terre Haute, Ind.	8-9					Thunderstorm.	Trees down, telegraph and telephone service interrupted.	Do.
Torrington, Wyo.	9	9-9:20 p. m.	1,760.		17,000	Heavy hail.	Beets, potatoes, grains, and meadows injured 12 to 50 per cent.	Do.
Tulsa, Okla.	9	P. m.			250,000	Wind, rain, and electrical.	Lightning struck oil tanks, causing disastrous fire.	Tulsa World (Okla.).
Thurman (near), Colo.	10			10	8,000	Tornado.	All farm buildings and crops in path destroyed; 3 autos wrecked; chickens and hogs killed.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys, N. Y.	10					Hail and wind.	Heavy losses in property and crops.	Do.
Eureka Springs, Ark.	10	7-9 p. m.				Moderate hail.	Damage principally to windows.	Do.
Little Island (near), Avoyelles Parish, La.	11	4 p. m.	880.	1		Tornado and hail.	3 persons injured; some houses and trees blown down.	Do.
Evelyn, Ky.	11					Thunderstorm with hail.	Corn and tobacco crops injured.	Do.
Greensburg, Ky.	11					do.	Severe damage by hail to tobacco and corn crops.	Do.
Woodward, Okla., and vicinity.	12					Wind, rain, and hail.	Many farm buildings unroofed, some wrecked; 3 horses killed; corn stripped.	Do.
Ford County, Kans.	12	4:18 p. m.	1-4 mi.		50,000	Violent wind and hail.	Crops injured; poultry killed; windmills and outhouses blown down; heaviest loss in town of Wright.	Do.
Clark and Comanche Counties, Kans.	12	6:30 p. m.	880-1,320		100,000	do.	Most severe storm ever known in vicinity; roofs riddled; corn ruined.	Do.
Omaha, Nebr.	12					Wind and hail.	Considerable destruction of property.	Do.
Council Bluffs, Iowa.	12	12:15 p. m.	4 mi.			Hail.	Severe damage to truck crops.	Do.
Camden, N. Y.	13	2-3 p. m.				Electrical, hail and wind.	Roof torn from storage shed, trees uprooted, wires tangled.	Post Standard (Syracuse, N. Y.).
Merriek, Hamilton, Clay and Nuckolls Counties, Nebr.	13	5:30-7 p. m.	2-4 mi.			Hail.	Windows and roofs damaged; crops considerably damaged in places; some chickens and pigs killed.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Peez, Colo.	13	4-4:30 p. m.	5 mi.			do.	Loss of crops valued at \$25 per acre; 30 per cent of land in corn, which is a total loss; windows and roofs also damaged.	Do.

¹ Yards when not otherwise specified; "mi." signifies miles.

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Duchesne County, Utah.....	14	3:30-5 p. m.	880.....		\$15,000	Hail.....	Damage principally to alfalfa seed crop; path 4 miles long.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Cloverdale, N. Mex.....	14	2 p. m.	1,760.....			Heavy hail.....	Corn stripped; no other damage reported.....	Do.
Neola, Utah.....	15	4:30 p. m.			2,500	Hail.....	Alfalfa seed crop damaged.....	Do.
Colony, Wyo.....	15	6:30-7:30 p. m.	2 mi.....			Heavy hail.....	1 to 6 inches of hail; sheep, game birds, and rabbits killed; windows broken; most crops destroyed.	Do.
Ballantine, Mont., eastward across Bighorn River.	15					Hail.....	Extensive crop damage; path 25 to 30 miles long.	Do.
Sturgis, S. Dak.....	15	8 p. m.				Wind, rain, and hail.....	Roof of garage practically destroyed, windows and street lamps broken, autos damaged.	Daily Journal (Rapid City, S. Dak.).
Rattlesnake Buttes, Colo.....	16	5:30 p. m.				Heavy hail.....	Large stones in areas injured cattle; a number of fields of beans and some corn destroyed; roofs riddled and windows shattered.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Porter, N. Mex.....	16	6 p. m.	1-2 mi.....		15,000	Moderate to heavy hail.....	Cotton and broom corn damaged.....	Do.
Northwest of Alzada, Mont., to South Dakota line.	17	6-7 p. m.	50.....			Tornado and hail.....	Damage limited to a few small buildings.....	Do.
Harrisburg, Pa. (10 mi. ne. of).	17				5,000	Thunderstorm.....	Barn and contents destroyed by lightning.....	Do.
Oriva, Wyo.....	18					Heavy hail.....	Much damage to unharvested crops.....	Do.
Southern Wisconsin and Michigan, central Iowa and northern Illinois.	18-19			3		Wind and floods.....	Thousands of acres inundated; crops beaten, and in many places completely destroyed; communication demoralized; shipping on Lake Michigan held up; heaviest loss in Iowa.	Official U. S. Weather Bureau; Wisconsin State Journal (Madison); Grand Haven Daily Tribune (Mich.).
Conklin Center and Kirkwood, N. Y.	20	P. m.	550.....			Tornado.....	5 buildings demolished, several cattle killed, and one person seriously injured.	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Toledo, Ohio.....	20				20,000	Thunderstorm.....	Lightning struck generator house on the T. & O. C. Railroad docks, causing fire.	Do.
Knowles, Wyo.....	20					Heavy hail.....	Corn badly damaged.....	Do.
Osseo, Wis.....	21	4 p. m.			100,000	Squall.....	Much damage to buildings and crops.....	Do.
Central, Ind.....	22			1		Wind and rain.....	Crops and property damaged.....	Evansville Courier (Ind.).
Poplar, Mont. (9 mi. se. of)	22		880.....			Hail.....	Farms considerably damaged.....	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Ashland County, Ohio.....	22	P. m.		1		Wind and electrical.....	Amount of damage not reported.....	Do.
Smith County, Kans.....	22	2:30 p. m.				Hail.....	Many fields of corn totally destroyed; foliage beaten from trees.	Do.
Plymouth County, Iowa.....	23	8:15 a. m.	2.5 mi.....		80,000	do.....	Heavy crop loss, much glass broken and poultry killed.	Do.
Pottawattamie County, Iowa.	23	11:30 a. m.				do.....	Crop damage heavy.....	Do.
Hamilton County, Iowa.....	23	9 p. m.	4 mi.....			do.....	Considerable damage to corn, truck, and glass.....	Do.
Walnut, Iowa.....	23	10 p. m.			20,000	do.....	Considerable crop damage reported.....	Do.
Northwestern Missouri.....	23	P. m.			10,000	do.....	Damage was principally to corn, but a few windows were broken and outhouses damaged.	Do.
Galesburg (near), Ill.....	24	8:30 p. m.	1,760.....			do.....	Leaves stripped from corn.....	Do.
St. Patrick, La. (and vicinity)	24	3:10 p. m.		9	5,000	Tornado.....	Church demolished and other buildings damaged; 20 persons injured.	Do.
Clinton, Ark.....	24	3 p. m.	1,320.....			Moderate hail.....	Corn stripped and cotton considerably damaged.	Do.
Wright County, Iowa (Troy Township).	24	9 a. m.				Hail.....	Loss of crops 30 per cent.....	Do.
Border of Harrison and Lewis Counties, W. Va.	24-25			2		Thunderstorm.....	Considerable damage at Lost Creek and Janelew; several houses, 1 railway, and 5 highway bridges washed from foundations; crops generally destroyed.	Do.
Miami, N. Mex.....	25	11 a. m.	1.5 mi.....			Moderate hail.....	Small grain in fields damaged 25 per cent to total.	Do.
Atlantic seaboard.....	25-26			2		Tropical hurricane.....	Shipping delayed; small cottages at beaches damaged; several small boats missing, many lives endangered; much damage on coast and inland in Rhode Island.	Official U. S. Weather Bureau; Virginian Pilot (Norfolk, Va.); Evening Bulletin (Providence); Boston Herald.
Helena (near), Mont.....	28	6:30 p. m.				Wind.....	Wires and trees blown down.....	Official, U. S. Weather Bureau.
Marion County, Ala.....	29	5 p. m.				Heavy hail.....	Cotton severely damaged.....	Do.

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STORMS AND WEATHER WARNINGS

WASHINGTON FORECAST DISTRICT

During the latter half of the month two tropical disturbances reached the Lesser Antilles from the region to the eastward. The first of these was centered between Dominica and St. Lucia the morning of the 17th and the second a short distance northeast of Dominica the evening of the 27th. The tracks of these two disturbances were almost parallel for about 800 miles, both moving almost directly northwestward from the Lesser Antilles, the first at the rate of approximately 270 miles and the other 200 miles a day. The former continued to move in a northwesterly direction until it reached latitude 28° N. and longitude 75° W. It then moved slowly in a westerly direction for 48 hours, after which it turned abruptly and moved north-northeastward with rapidly increasing speed and its course gradually changed toward the northeast. (See Chart II.) Ten and one-half days after this tropical disturbance had appeared over the Lesser Antilles, its center was between Belle Isle and

Fogo, Newfoundland, while eight and one-half days after the second disturbance was first noted its center was in the same location. However, after reaching latitude 25° N. the course of the latter was almost due north for 36 hours, then north-northeast to western Newfoundland, the paths of the two storms gradually converging.

The first tropical disturbance was of only slight intensity in the region of the Lesser Antilles and of moderate intensity when its center passed between Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands during the evening of the 18th. It increased gradually, however, both in intensity and size after passing to the north of Porto Rico and within three days, when its center was in about latitude 27° 30' N. and longitude 74° 30' W., the winds near the center had increased to hurricane force. At this time the storm was beginning to recurve to the northward into a shallow trough of low pressure that was moving eastward from the middle and north Atlantic coast, but its path to the northward was blocked by an anticyclone that moved eastward from the Upper Lake region to the North Atlantic States during the 20th-22d. The influence of